

As an active Amateur Radio Service licensee, I oppose an implementation of Broadband-Over-Powerline (BPL) that would interfere with currently assigned Amateur Service frequencies. Such interference, if not "notched out" for the Amateur bands, might effectively destroy Amateur communications throughout the United States and remove US Amateurs from world communications. Point-to-point, two-way communications - the longest-standing & most reliable long-distance method in existence - must remain available in the event of catastrophic communication breakdowns in other media. Americans everywhere benefit from a core of trained, knowledgeable Amateurs, serving without pecuniary interest during local disasters or for world-wide humanitarian purposes. To inhibit or marginalize such a Service would be equivalent to outlawing letter-writing as a communication medium. It's a darned good hobby, too! Thank you for considering my comments.

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